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A.—(*a*) The objects were—

(i) to produce a buffalo which will give a bigger milk yield;

(ii) to produce a working buffalo bull of slightly larger size than the present country buffalo; and

(iii) to see, if by judicious feeding, care and attention from birth, it is possible to bring these animals to maturity more quickly, to increase their milk yield, and induce them to breed regularly. If success is met with along these lines, breeding bulls can be produced both for sale in the district and for placing at stud at various agricultural stations.

(*b*) Over five years.

(*c*) Nine bulls.

(*d*) None, as there was no demand.

Fisheries

Lectures delivered by Captain Cribb at Calicut.

* 1642 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Captain Cribb, the officer in charge of the trawler, came all the way to Calicut from Bombay to deliver a course of lectures to the students of the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, in October or November 1928;

(*b*) what is the amount of travelling allowance drawn by this officer on this occasion;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the students of the Fisheries Training Institute are not sufficiently educated to follow the lectures of Captain Cribb in English; and

(*d*) whether the lectures delivered by Captain Cribb had to be translated into Malayalam for the benefit of the students?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Captain Cribb did not come to Calicut specially to deliver lectures. That officer's presence in Calicut in connexion with other work was taken advantage of and with the permission of the Director, he delivered some lectures on the subject of navigation.

(*c*) The students of the Fisheries Training Institute know English as their minimum educational qualification is a pass in the third form or VIII standard.

(*d*) No.

Industries

Working of the Madras Ink Factory.

* 1643 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total capital spent on the Ink Factory, Madras;

(*b*) the number of tenders received;

(*c*) the highest offer made and by whom;

(*d*) whether the offer has been accepted;

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(e) whether the Government intend to spread the knowledge of the preparation of inks as a result of the experience gained at the Ink Factory, Madras;

(f) whether any are given practical instruction at this factory; and

(g) if so, how many and what they are doing?

A.—(a) The total capital invested on the factory was Rs. 33,187-6-8 on 31st March 1928.

(b) No tenders were received in response to the press communiqué announcing the sale of the factory.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.

(e) A note on 'Ink manufacture' prepared by the Superintendent of the Factory has been published as a departmental bulletin for the information of the public.

(f) & (g) With a view to training young men in the manufacture of inks the Government sanctioned a scheme in 1926 for training apprentices in the factory and called for applications, but in spite of the short period of training prescribed and the low fee charged, only one apprentice has so far joined the Institute: he is now undergoing training and will very shortly complete his course. The training consists of a course of lectures and practical work in the laboratory.

Mr A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Will the Government tell us what they propose to do finally?"

The hon. Mr. M R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"They propose to dispose of them for the best price obtainable."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Has the date been fixed?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"The date of public auction has not been fixed."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I ask if the Government have advertised the fact in the local papers?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir, the Director of Industries will take the necessary action"

Ink manufacture in Madras.

*1644 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the industrial laboratory, now at Madras, has investigated into any other manufacture except fluid inks, ink powders and ink tablets and printers' ink since it was started in 1919;

(b) if so, what they are;

(c) whether the institute publishes any annual report; and

(d) what the annual cost of the laboratory is?

A.—(a) Yes, but the investigations did not reach the stage of commercial production.

(b) vinegar, adhesives and pottery.

(c) no; but its work is described in the administration report of the Industries Department.